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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN AUSTRALIA
OVER JULY 4 PERIOD

1. PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S VERY FORTHRIGHT DENUNCIATION OF IRRESPONSIBLE REMARKS BY SENATOR WILLIAM BROWN (SEPTTEL) MAY HAVE STAYING EFFECT ON ANTI-AMERICAN ELEMENTS OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS. HOWEVER, OVER NEXT FEW DAYS THERE WILL BE SERIES OF ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN CITIES. WHAT BEGAN AS "THE BROWN AFFAIR" HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY EXTREME LEFTIST GROUPS AND IS BEING TURNED INTO GENERAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. DEFENSE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

2. CONSULATE IN MELBOURNE REPORTS THAT ORGANIZATION CALLED LIBERATION FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF AUSTRALIA (SIC) SMEARED PAINT OVER OFFICE PREMISES OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THAT CITY ON JULY 2. SAME DAY OFFICE OF AMERICAN CONSULAR AGENT IN ADELAIDE ATTACKED BY ANTI-U.S. BASES GROUP AND A FEW WINDOWS
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BROKEN. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SENATOR BROWN IS TO ADDRESS ANTI-

AMERICAN GATHERING IN MELBOURNE JULY 4.

3. CONSULATE IN SYDNEY REPORTS THAT DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DEFENSE FACILITIES WAS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 4, THOUGH IT IS NOW POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL BE CANCELLED.

4. CONSULATE IN PERTH REPORTS THAT BODY CALLED ORGANIZATION FOR INDEPENDENCE OF AUSTRALIA IS ARRANGING SERIES OF EVENTS FOR JULY 4 AS PART OF "CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN MILITARY BASES". EVENTS INCLUDE DEMONSTRATION TO DEMAND "AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENCE FROM AMERICA." ORGANIZERS HAVE OSTENTATIOUSLY DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO REQUEST POLICE PERMIT, EVIDENTLY DESIRING CONFRONTATION WITH AUTHORITIES. WESTERN AUSTRALIA STATE PREMIER, SIR CHARLES COURT, IS PERSONALLY SUPERVISING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, AND ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SECURITY OF CONSULATE BUILDING, WHICH IN ANY CASE IS ON NINTH FLOOR OF LARGELY UNOCCUPIED NEW BUILDING THAT IS RELATIVELY EASY TO PROTECT.

4. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT TWO DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BEING PLANNED AT EMBASSY CHANCERY AND AT AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN WAR MEMORIAL IN CANBERRA, ALSO FOR JULY 4. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES WILL, OF COURSE, BE CLOSED, FACILITATING PROTECTION IF THIS SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY.

5. COMMENT: INJECTION OF LUNATIC FRINGE LEFT-WING GROUPS DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCEPTABILITY OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. DEFENSE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA AND MAY HAVE USEFUL EFFECT IN CLARIFYING ISSUES TO AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC OPINION.
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